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STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM FOR PRINTING IMAGES, IMAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND DATA MANAGEMENT DEVICE

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Enclosed also please find a copy of the European Search Report citing these references. The relevance of these references can be seen from the European Search Report.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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